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## ADVOCACY

NASAA stood strong for public funding for the arts during a time of heightened scrutiny.

- **Equipped arts advocates** with new resources—[The NEA and the States](#) and [Return on Investment: National Endowment for the Arts](#)—to show the positive impacts of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and public funding for the arts nationwide.
- Released **new advocacy tools**—[The Arts as a Nonpartisan Issue](#), [The Arts and America's Bottom Line](#), and [Better Together: Public + Private Arts Funding](#)—to help leaders make a strong case for the arts and tailor messaging across the ideological landscape.
- **Highlighted state arts agencies' leadership** in America 250, the nationwide effort to commemorate our country's 250th anniversary.



Photo courtesy of the Virginia Commission for the Arts and VA250



### NASAA protected the NEA and the federal-state partnership

that ensures federal arts funding reaches every state and jurisdiction—advocacy that proved vital when the White House proposed elimination of the NEA.

### BUILDING NASAA'S CAPACITY

NASAA strengthened its internal capacity to better serve the field.

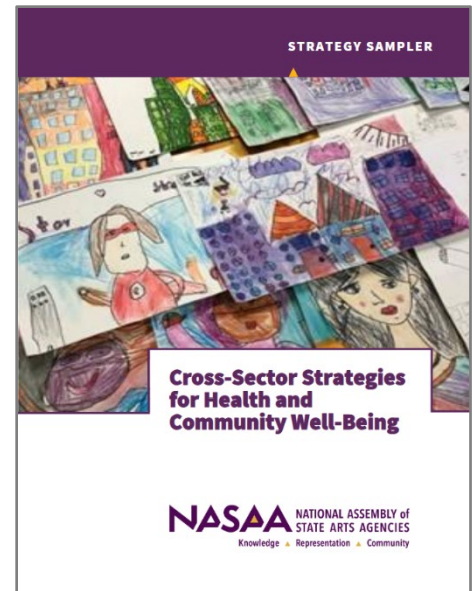
- ▲ Expanded staff to strengthen our operations and services
- ▲ Adjusted our organizational structure to better meet member needs
- ▲ Revised our personnel policies
- ▲ Moved to a new, cost-efficient office and hosted a staff retreat to strengthen connections in our hybrid environment



## KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

NASAA helped state arts agencies strengthen their leadership, capacity and impact.

- Developed **new strategy samplers on [health and community well-being](#), [civic infrastructure](#) and [rural development](#)**—promoting cross-sector collaborations that bring the arts to other areas of public service.
- Launched a **four-part [Tribal Relations Training Series](#)** to help state arts agencies deepen their understanding of Native nations and their policy relationships with government.
- **Advanced [creative aging](#) initiatives** that support well-being, lifelong learning and social connection for older adults, in partnership with E.A. Michelson Philanthropies.
- Provided customized assistance, research and training to help state arts agencies navigate emerging challenges and opportunities.



**NASAA brought together nearly 500 arts leaders for NASAA Assembly 2024 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.**

Our largest Assembly ever!



## CONNECTION & COMMUNITY

NASAA connected state arts agencies to help the field stay strong and united:

- Hosted more than **50 virtual peer meetings**, giving members more ways than ever to connect, collaborate and share strategies.
- Partnered with the NEA to launch **[arts and health learning communities](#)**—helping members and arts leaders explore creative approaches that advance public well-being.
- Welcomed new executive directors with **tailored onboarding and support**, fostering relationships and peer exchange.

This is just a hint of what your support helps to achieve. See our [2025 Action Plan Highlights](#)<sup>M</sup> for more. Want to help move our work forward? [Join us by donating today](#)—and together we can **strengthen the arts across the country. Thank you!**

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